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# OLD CITY RECORDS

Custody Being Considered by Senate

Regarded as Menace to the Ex-

troversy as to the future custody of the old records of the city of Washington is a matter of serious consequence to the tax-payers of the District. According to certain high officials of the War Department the pending Senate bill, which provides for the transfer of these records from the custody of the chief of engineers of the army to the surveyor of the District of Columbia, is the entering wedge of a force that may eventually result in changing the semi-national character of the government of the District and place the entire burden of its expenses upon the residents. The Commissioners of the District have reported in favor of the proposed transfer of the records to the District surveyor, and their report has already been published in The

Star.

The report of General Wilson, chief of engineers, was made to the Senate District committee today. It was made in response to a letter from the committee asking the views of the War Department on the pending bill. In accordance with official forms it was forwarded by Mr. Meiklejohn as acting secretary. it was forwarded by Mr. Meikiejohn as acting secretary of war, who indorsed it in the strongest terms. The reply consists mainly of a report prepared by Colonel T. A. Bingham, corps of engineers, in charge of public buildings and grounds, who, as the representative of the chief of engineers, is the actual custodian of the records in question.

## Surveyor a Federal Official.

early legislation for the city was not a the city corporation, but a United States surveyor of the city of Washington working under the superintendent, a federal offithe United States. It appears from Colonel Bingham's review that from the very beginning in 1730, as land began to be divided up and sold off, each separate square was drawn upon a large sheet of paper, the square then divided into lots, and on the division of lots between the public and the original proprietor both parties and their 

Coming down to more recent times. Col.

form of local government of the District to anything of interest in this discussion except to note that the local government is streets, avenues, &c.
"Act of June 20, 1874 (Stat. 18, p. 116).

again changes the local form of government to three Commissioners, one of them an en-gineer officer of the army; he succeeds to to three commissioners, one of them an en-gineer officer of the army; he succeeds to the duties of the chief engineer of the former board of public works and to the guardianship of all such maps and records as the board of public works had. More-over, the local city surveyor is regarded as of so little importance that he is reduced to

1. In view of the preceding, it is clear that now for one hundred and ten years Congress has carefully kept in the custody of the general government all the records of the national capital, except those perhas remembered that this is the capital city of the whole nation, and has for over a

of the whole nation, and has for over a hundred years carefully kept the policy of its growth within its own hands, jealously preventing purely local interests from getting control of the nation's city.

2. The transfer of records proposed by this bill would seriously endanger the interests of the United States by Hepriving them of the records on which rest the titles of the United States to its various properties in the city of Washington, including the very streets. It would be like depriving an owner of property of his deed and other evidences of title thereto, and surely the United States ought to be able to preserve its own proofs of possession.

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"Had these records not been kept in the possession of the general government it is not impossible the United States would have been unable to prove its title in the great to be in the possession of the local city sur-

District Committee.

## TRANSFER TO THE LOCAL SURVEYOR

pense Sharing.

COL BINGHAM'S REVIEW

The settlement by Congress of the con-

the actual custodian of the records in question.

Colonel Bingham prefaces his report with an elaborate review of the legal status of the records from the time of the organization of a form of government for the city of Washingtog under the provisions of the act of Congress of July 16, 1790, providing for the appointment by the President of three commissioners to lay out the new city and establish "metes and bounds." He shows how closely the general government retained control of everything connected with the new city and states that all the eriginal surveys for the division of lands and the sale of lots were made by surveyors acting under authority of the general government.

Colonel Bingham quotes various statutes relating to the matter to show that the "surveyor of the city" referred to in the cal or municipal surveyor, working for cial, and above him, under the President of ioner as representing the United A second copy was given to the proprietors as representing themthird copy was given to the deeds for the use of private these maps specially intrusted

Elingham shows the steps through which the land records passed into the custody of the chief of engineers, and he closes his re-port as follows:

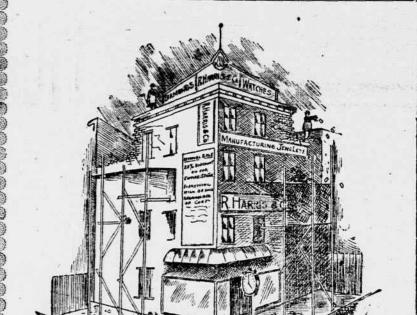
# Changes in District Government.

'Act of February 21, 1871, changes the a governor, legislative assembly and board of public works, but no mention is made of given authority and compelled to repair

city surveyor.
"Act of June 11, 1878 (Stat. 20, p. 102), es-Act of June 11, 1818 (Stat. 20, p. 102), es-ablishes the present local form of govern-ment of the District, and since one of the Commissioners is an engineer officer of the army no local or corporation city surveyor is mentioned at all in the law. The Com-missioners have found it necessary to have such an official for purely local work on private property, but he is merely an ap-pointment by the Commissioners. So that the local or corporation city surveyor is an office not recognized by any act of Congress now in force.

taining to purely private land. Congress

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# terested please call. RRIS & CO., Seventh and D Streets.

Not Needed by Circumstances. "3. Nor is such a transfer at all needed by circumstances, for one copy of the original division of squares is, or should be, in the possession of the local surveyor. Errors which have from time to time been claimed in them cannot be corrected from any of in them cannot be corrected from any of the other originals, because they are identi-cal, and, as a matter of fact, it has turned out in the past that a few of the squares which it was sought to correct had no ex-istence, and others had never been divided, for which very sufficient reason they had never been recorded. Moreover, these United States records have been, and are still, easily accessible to all proper exam-ination for legitimate business, although not to parties whose wish to examine them

"4. Again, the custody of these records "4. Again, the custody of these records for the United States by the chief of engineers of the army is a great protection to the interests of private land owners as well, because records so kept by the general government are a check against the possibility of fraud in the land records of the city of Washington and District of Columbia, attempts at which are not unknown in the past; and, as shown above, all the records needed for ordinary daily use are now available for the general public in the office of the local surveyor.

the local surveyor.
"5. The transfer proposed by the bill "5. The transfer proposed by the but would endanger the safety of the records themselves, which can never be replaced. They are stored by themselves in a separate room of the War Department, one of the safest buildings in the world against fire or theft, and when the room is open there is always an official present there.

# Records Now Safe and Guarded.

"Section 2 of the bill does not of itself provide the safety it calls for, which cannot be greater than it is at present, where the records are also as accessible to propoand also where they are in the personal charge of a gentleman who is more intimore about them than any one now living, and who is available to assist in reference to an able, faithful, efficient and valued am-ploye of the United States for over twenty-

### ive years past. Government Interests to Be Consider-

"6. In this case, again, as happens so often in Washington, it is the interests of the general government that should netmarily be considered, and not merely local interests. For this is not any ordinary country; it belongs to the people at large, and the interests of all the other people of the United States must overbalance the purely local desires of the few who actually live in Washington. There has been in the past carrlessness in work done and records kept in the District of Columbia, as almost any antique than know from bis. any antiquarian knows from his researcher How else have valuable collections bee bought and paid for by the United State bought and paid for by the United States containing many papers and records which have always belonged to the United States, but disappeared somehow and had to be bought in order to regain possession of them? As said above, there was a period of, roughly, forty years, from about 1830 until the close of the civil war, when the offices of the United States city surveyor and of the local or corporation surveyor were held by one and the same man, during which time the United States records were very carelessly handled, and it is in this way that many of the United States records passed into improper hands, from which they have not yet all been regained.

Salvation of the Records.

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"The famous Tin Case Map was found by one of the commissioners of public buildings and grounds in the office of Mayor Force and formed the subject of correspondence before it was returned. It was the placed in charge of the chief of engineers placed in charge of the chief of engineers, United States Army. A system for their care was adopted and carried out under the chief of engineers. These records have been classified, partially indexed and examined and arranged, so that it is now known what is missing. Some of the missing records have been traced and obtained, others traced to the collections of Dr. Tores Met.

veyor, without proper authority. They got there originally under the careless regime which formerly prevailed as above stated, but it is not known by what claim they

but it is not known by weat claim they remain there.

"Finally, it seems undoubted that it is to the best interests of the general government that the records referred to should remain in their present keeping, and, moreover, be completed by the restoration of what is missing, so far as it can be traced.

Enginer Commissioner Suggested. "Should Congress in its wisdom deem best, however, to direct local rather than United States custody for these records, it is respectfully suggested that the Engineer Commissioner of the District is a more appropriate custodian than a subordinate appointee of the District Commissioners. Becurity. For the Engineer Commissioner is not only a member of the board of District Commissioners and appointed thereto by the President of the United States, but he is also an officer of the corps of engineers of the army. It might well be asked, though, why he should be more trusted as custodian than the chief of engineers himself.

"In conclusion, should it he so desired."

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ON THE FIRING LINE.

# Washington Poys in an Engagement One Being Killed.

Edwin J. Robb, a Washington boy, who serving with Company E, 27th Volunteer Infantry, in the Philippine Islands, in writing to a friend in this city, from Morong, under date of February 3, has the following to say of the operations going on in the Island of Luzon: "Our company has been doing consider-

able "biking" of late. We marched from

Mariquena to Morong, a distance of fortyfive miles, in two days, stopping the first night at Santa Polo, Company E was in night at Santa Polo. Company E was in quite a scrap January 25. We were marching along the road, whistling "A Hot Time." We were between Penay and Bariarse, with the bay on our right side and dense woods on the left, when suddenly we were attacked by a body of insurgents, who fired a volley into us from the woods. The boys stopped whistling and did a "rag time" to the side of the road, where a skirmish line was formed, and we then proceeded to charge across the rice paddy in front of the woods. The Filipinos opened fire on us from a cemetery at Penay and from the woods in front of us and on our right. We were fighting in mud up to the waist. Things were exceedingly warm for an hour or so, and then night came on and it became too dark for further operations. "The insurgents numbered about 400, while our number was 61. We lost two men killed in action, one of whom was Sergt. James C. Nowland, a Washington boy. He was struck by a Remington bullet and instantly killed while gallantly leading the point of the advance guard. The sergeam was loved by every one in the company, and the boys thought he was one of the best 'non coms' in the service. Private O'Rourke of New York was the other one killed.

"I did picket outpost duty on the road all quite a scrap January 25. We were marchkilled. "I did picket outpost duty on the road all

"I did picket outpost duty on the road all that night, and when morning came we marched into Penay, which we found the enemy had abandoned during the night.

"The following Washington boys were in the above engagement: "Sergt. Addison Housel, Monroe Moxley, H. I. Wimsatt, Robt. Smith and Chas. F. Walsh.

"The real war is over now. It is only skirmishes with the natives. Everywhere we go the Filipinos flee before we can get near them."

The young men of the Alpha and Omega Club gave an entertainment to their friends at the rooms of the Home Mission, 800 New Hampshire avenue northwest, last Friday evening. The following program was ren-dered: Plano solos, Misses Florence White, Nellie LeCain and Grace Curl; vocal solo Mrs. Laura LeCain and Miss Anna Clokey; readings, Mrs. Annie Heftebower and Miss Ella Turton; recitations, Master Roy and

# RIVER DREDGING CONTRACT

Clegg's Claim.

as the Right to Annul for Breaches Was Not Exercised, Contractor Must Be Paid.

"I have received your letter of the 17th ultimo, asking whether you are authorized to pay A. M. Clegg the contract price less 10 per cent, for the work actually done by him between September 11 and Decemchannel of the Potomac river at Washington, D. C. It appears that this question is presented because of an alleged breach of the contract by Mr. Clegg in his failure to dredge the required number of cubic yards each and every month shee the date upon which he was required to commence work. "The contract provides; 'And it is expressly stipulated that said Clegg shall so dredge and deposit not less than fifty thousand 65,0000 cubic yards in each month until the full quantity required shall have been dredged and deposited, provided that this amount of diredging per month will not be required during the months of December, January, February and March.

"The contract also requires that the work shall commence on or before September 11, 1899, and shall all be completed on or before September 1, 1900.

"It appears from the papers submitted that Mr. Clegg dredged the following number of cubic yards: September, 7,207; October, 20,148; November, 15,441; December, 14,736. It is, therefore, clear that Mr. Clegg has not performed his contracts for the months of September, October and November, respectively. each and every month since the date upon

# Did Not Exercise His Right.

"The contract provides for an annulment of the same by you, with the approval of the chief of engineers, in case of a breach thereof. It does not appear, however, tha you exercised your undoubted right; although, as appears from the corresponthough, as appears from the correspondence, you were promptly and fully apprised of said breaches at tire end of each month. This being the case, the question arises as to how far your failure to exercise your right of annulment and permitting the contractor to go on with the work, and your acceptance of the same under the contract, may be held to be a waiver of the breaches mentioned.

receiving notice of the breaches thereof, it must be held that you have waived said preaches and are 'precluded from claiming logical conclusion, therefore, is that the contract now stands as if those breaches had not occurred, and the contractor is entitled to be paid according to the terms of the contract for the work actually performed thereunder.

Active Operations for Reconstruction Expected to Begin Soon.

It is expected that active operations for the reconstruction of pier No. 4°of the

Opinion of Acting Controller Mitchell on Mr.

Mr. Mitchell, the acting controller of the treasury, has sent to Lieut. Col. Charles ecision on a matter of local interest.

ber 31, 1899, under his contract of September 7, 1899, for dredging in the Virginia

### Entitled to Be Paid. "Having failed to annul the contract or

formed thereunder.

"It must be understood, however, that the requirements of the contract as to the amount to be dredged monthly are severable, and that a waiver of a breach for one or more months will not bar your right to or more months will not bar your right to annul the contract for a breach for any subsequent month, provided the annulment is done with reasonable promptness after receiving notice of said subsequent breach. Furthermore, the waiver of the breach of the monthly requirements will in no man-ner affect the other requirement to com-plete the whole work on or before Septem-ber 1, 1900."

# AQUEDUCT BRIDGE PIER.

be resumed during the present month. It is admitted that there has been great de-lay in the work, but this is said to be due

### tractors. In May, 1897, Colonel Allen, the engineer officer in charge of the improve

ment, made a contract with the Houston Contracting Company of Philadelphia, under the terms of which the work should have been completed June 30, 1898. The company neglected the work, however, and the contract was annulled May 27, 1898. In

the contract was annulled May 27, 1898. In May, 1899, a new contract was made with the Central Contracting Company of New York, which contract is still in force and requires the completion of the work July 31, 1900. The apparent delay in making the new contract was due to the fact that operations on the pier were impossible at that time, owing to the heavy travel over the bridge in consequence of the establishment of Camp Alger near Falls Church.

Colonel Allen estimates that about 255 cubic yards of stone have been dressed to the final shape for use in the damaged pier and that from seventy to ninety cubic yards additional have been quarried and sulit in iditional have been quarried and split up eady for cutting. Although no work has hree men constantly employed at the

# ry. It is expected that some of the ston will be assembled at the contractor's whar in Georgetown in a few days and that th work of repairing the coffer-dam will begi

### PANIC NARROWLY AVERTED. Fire Frightens Congregation at the

Presence of mind on the part of Rev ather S. F. Ryan and a few other coolheaded persons who quickly followed his example averted a panic at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, corner of 8th and N streets, yesterday morning. High mass, which began at 11 o'clock and was being celebrated by Father Ryan, was in progress and a very large congregation, inprogress and a very large congregation, including many women and children, was present. Suddenly smoke was noticed issuing through the floor near the middle of the church. As it increased in volume the trepidation of those in the immediate vicinity spread to all the others, and in a few moments the entire gathering was on its feet and about to start for the exits. Ere the rush to get out began, however, Father Ryan counseled the observance of order and men in the congregation aided this effort by assuring the others that there was no danger. As a consequence no one was inanger. As a consequence no one was in red. One lady fainted from the excite

nent. The smoke was caused by a fire in the

The smoke was caused by a fire in the basement under the church, which had originated from a furnace. The fire department, which was summoned by alarm No. 212, extinguished it by flooding the basement. A loss of about \$200 was sustained, mainly in the celiar.

When the congregation made the exit from the church, after Father Ryan had brought the service to a close, the most frightened of them left articles behind. Lieut. Heffner, with the reserve squad of the second precinct, prevented any one but the firemen from entering the edifice. After all trace of fire had been cleared away ush-

all trace of fire had been cleared away usners were allowed an entrance and they gathered up all the abandoned property and turned it over to Father Ryan.

Pocket books, gloves, umbrellas and miscallaneous belongings were scattered in the pews and throughout the church, but they were all recovered and turned over to the owners.

### Funeral of Walter R. Vaughan. The funeral of Mr. Walter R. Vaughan who died several days ago in Kansas City as a result of injuries received in a wreck on the Missouri Pacific railroad, took place late Saturday afternoon from the residence of his father, 2155 L street northwest. Th The services were conducted by Rev. Wal-lace Radeliffe, pastor of New York Avenue

Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. Mr Schaeffer Schaeffer.

The pallbearers were: Mr. G. J. Karger, representing the Scripps-McRae League: Mr. John Humphrey, grand master of exchequer, Knights of Pythias; Mr. Albert Sillers, exalted ruler Washington Lodge of Elks; Mr. Frank P. Hall, also an Elk; Mr. Schaeffer, assistant pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church; Mr. W. K. Richardson, correspondent, and Mr. Noble N. Potts of the War Department.

Thomas B. Towner's Will. By the terms of the will of Thomas B. Towner, dated June 26, 1888, and filed for

# THE . CHINESE

Entertaining Description of Mr. Wu's Characteristics.

China's Recognition by the Family of Nations.

Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, is receiving | Hall, Tuesday night, April 17, are well uncountry, complimenting him upon his Philadelphia speeches. Mr. Wu is a man of sociable disposition, and is what politicians call "a good mixer." He associates himself with the neonle of this country in those

sociable disposition, and is what politicians all "a good mixer." He associates himself with the people of this country in those things which interest them and enjoys participating in public ceremonics. Immediate ly after returning from Philadelphia, where he made his speech which attracted wide attention, he went to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras and is but a few days returned from there, having been received with much honor and hospitality there, as he was in Philadelphia.

There is very little of what is conventionally termed "oriental" in Mr. Wu's manners or trend of thought. Instead of that placidity that seems like indifference, which is so characteristic of the representative James L. Slayo'n of Texas and L. F. Ilvingston of Georgia and Harry C. Roundiree of Baltimore.

In a peculiar energy significant of an aim and purpose in his mission. He is perhaps the best diplomat China has ever sent to this country, and is one of the most active of the diplomatic corps.

Forceful and Dignified.

Apparently he is impelied very little by curiosity in his visits to the various cities of this country, and his mingling with the manners and customs of our people. He is not interested in trivial things and displays none of that childlike curiosity which is often noticed in the Chinese of culture while observing the manners and customs of our people. He is not interested in trivial things and displays none of that childlike curiosity which is often noticed in the Chinese of culture while observing the manners and customs of our people. He is not interested in trivial things and displays none of that childlike curiosity which is often noticed in the Chinese of culture while observing the manners and customs of our people. He is not interested in trivial things and displays none of that childlike curiosity which is often noticed in the Chinese of culture while observing the manners and customs of our people. He is not interested in trivial things and displays none of the manners and customs of our people. He is not i and he has an adroitness of address which has commanded for him a great deal of respect among the most capable diplomats at Washington. In years past the members of the Chinese legation, without much discrimination as to official rank, have been much sought after in Washington society through curiosity and love of novelty, on account of their peculiarity of dress and manner. The way in which one minister's receptions were overrun by the vulgarly curious became almost a scandal on account of the bad manners displayed by the guests—invited and uninvited. Mr. Wu's status socially and officially is much firmer status socially and officially is much firmer count of the bad manners displayed by the guests—invited and uninvited. Mr. Wu's status socially and officially is much firmer than that founded on oriental dress and customs, and he has become one of the most popular of the foreign representatives at Washington. He appears to have entirely overcome the disadvantage which some of his predecessors labored under of being an interesting novelty, and is ranked by his ability.

# He is working with one great object in

view, that of securing for China the recognition due an independent and important member of the family of nations, and of impressing the American people with the idea that the Chinese have some interest in the Chinese questions which the United States and the powers of Europe are discussing. In doing this he has shown that he is neither lacking in information nor prone to indifference. He is alive to the great questions of the hour, and while seeming to take a great interest in social matters, he is constantly working to overcome prejudice against his people. He has undertaken the herculean task of breaking down the Chinese exclusion act, in whose or in part, and of putting China on equal footing with other nations of the world, and he feels that he has made some progress with the American people, though the desired end must be yet a long way off.

Though he appreciates the social attention shown him and seems to take pleasure in social functions, when he speaks of the cities he has visited, the people he has seen and talked to, socially or in-public address, it becomes evident that his mission, and not States and the powers of Europe are dis-

# 500 Sterling Silver Manleure and Desk attleles, large, heavy handles, comprising Shoe Hocks, Shoe Horns, Nail Piles, Cuttlele Knives, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Curling Iroas, Com Kulves, Tweezers, Paper Cutters, Envelope Moisteners, Scaling Wax Holders, Seals and Ink Ernsers, etc. 29C. Sale price, \$1. All to go for......

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Sterling Silver Tea Spoons, 1/2 Dozen, \$2.37.

We will sell Sterling Silver \$2.37 Teaspoons, 6 in a set, for..... \$2.37 This is an unmatchable bargain.

# MINISTER the entertainment of the hour, is upper

## DEMOCRATIC CLUBS. National Association Making Prepara-tions for the Campaign.

The officers of the National Association of Democratic Clubs are actively engaged in formulating plans for the presidential campaign, and they say the organization will be in much better condition this year than ever before. Arrangements for the cele-bration of the 157th birthday anniversary of Thomas Jefferson, which will be in the form of a subscription dinner in Masonie

tractive and appropriate, and the musical program for the evening will be selected with care.

Secretary McKean is making an especial effort to have the leading democratic organizations of the country send official representatives to the dinner. The first to respond to this invitation was the famous Democratic Club of New York city, of which Richard Croker is an active member. The board of governors of the club took official action in the matter and has secured a large number of seats. It is intimated that a number of the members of the club will also attend, in addition to this special delegation. Tammany society will send on a good delegation, as will the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, the Jeffersonian Club of Newark, N. J.; the Americas Club of Camden, N. J.; the Trenton Democratic League of Trenton, N. J.; the Eric County Democracy of Buffalo, N. Y.; the Albany Phalanx of Albany, N. Y.; the Massachusetts Democracy of Boston, Mass.; the Duckworth Club of Chicinnati, Ohio; the Iroquois Club of Chicago, Ill., and other like organizations.

Parties are being formed in several of the southern states, notably North Carolina and Kentucky, and it is now indicated by the information coming to Secretary McKean that every seat in the hail will be occupied. Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia have already secured seats.

# Trophy for the Best Shot.

Major Sylvester has announced that he will offer a trophy for the best score made this season in the police force pistol contests. The target practice will be resumed next month, and will continue throughout the summer.

# Stole Two Bushels of Coal.

Joseph Hawkins was today convicted by larceny of two bushels of coal from the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, and was fined \$5. In default of payment he was committed for fifteen days.